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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 14, 2003

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00212

For exemption from
physical collocation of
its Skyline remote office

ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO REPLY

On February 7, 2003, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Motion For Leave to file a Reply in the above-captioned case. According to the motion, the Staff's reply to Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") will identify and respond to various issues raised by Verizon South.

On November 4, 2002, Verizon South filed an application requesting an exemption from the requirements of § 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide physical collocation in its Skyline remote office. On November 14, 2002, the Commission issued an Order permitting interested parties to file comments on Verizon South's exemption request. On January 16, 2003, Staff filed its report recommending that the Commission deny Verizon South's application. On January 27, 2003, Verizon South filed its Reply Comments.

The Staff maintains that Verizon South either misrepresents or misunderstands the Staff's proposal with respect to available space in the Skyline office. The Commission finds that the Staff's Reply may serve to clarify the issues in controversy and should not unduly delay Verizon South's application. Counsel for Verizon South has been informed of Staff's Motion For Leave To Reply and does not oppose it as long as it can respond to Staff's Reply if it so desires.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Commission hereby grants the Staff's motion.
- (2) The Staff Reply shall be due on or before February 20, 2003.
- (3) Verizon South may file a response to Staff's Reply on or before February 27, 2003.